GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:725
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UTILISATION OF CONSUMER WELFARE FUND
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total corpus of Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF) as on date;

(b) whether the Government has failed to utilise the entire corpus of the fund earmarked under the CWF during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount earmarked and utilised during each of the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the utilisation certificates in respect of the funds released to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Voluntary Consumer Organisations (VCOs) since 1994-95 under the said scheme have not been received;

(e) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted to assess the violation and misuse of Government funds; and

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : The total corpus of Consumer Welfare Fund as on 28/2/2008 is Rs.91,86,58,000/-.

(b) & (c): The information is as under:-

Year	Amount available(BE)	Amount Utilised
2004-05	19,57,00,000	17,42,95,000
2005-06	31,50,00,000	8,51,14,000
2006-07	9,85,00,000	6,71,56,354
2007-08	18,26,00,000	7,61,64,328(upto 28.02.2008)

The reasons for less utilization is due to:-

(i) Adequate number of viable projects not received.

(ii) Proposals for setting up State Consumer Welfare Funds and Consumer Clubs from all the States were not received.

(d)to(f): 113 Utilisation Certificates for settlement of grants released to various Voluntary Consumer Organizations/Non Governmental Organizations since 1994-95 are awaited. The matter has been taken up with the concerned State Governments for taking up necessary action against these Organisations. Due to this as on 28/2/2008, the number of outstanding Utilisation Certificates are now reduced to 81.